EDITORIAL NEWS

Congress And Adjournment

Although it is hard to realize, the Congress may wind up its current session by the end of the month or early in July.

Since the National Democratic Convention is scheduled to open in Los Angeles on July 11th, and since preparations and meetings, etc. will begin in that city the week before, it is more than obvious that Congress should end its session, at the latest, by the first week in July.

Seldom, if ever, in the nation's history have so many candidates for the Presidential nomination been concentrated in the U. S. Senate. In fact, the two leading contenders for the nomination in the senior major party, Senator John F. Kennedy, of Massachusetts, and Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, of Texas, are both in that body.

Another major dark horse, Senator Stuart Symington, of Missouri, is also in the Senate. Only Adlai Stevenson, among other possible nominees, is not a Senator. Thus, three of the four major candidates in the Democratic Party are in the upper legislative body in Washington.

In addition, the almost - certain Republican nominee, Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, is also in the Senate — as presiding officer.

The Automotive Trend

It now seems certain that the compact car has caught on in the United States.

With an estimated production of 6,500,000 passenger cars now a good guess for 1960 models, it is certain that the sale of compacts will constitute a far higher percentage of total sales this year than ever before.

The leading small car is still the Rambler, although Ford's Falcon is coming close to challenging this supremacy.

The long-term effects of this developing trend will be felt by the oil industry, the tire industry, by the cities — combatting their parking problems — and on the highways.

It means that 1960-60 will be remembered as a history-making year in the automotive trade, when the American people began to take to the smaller cars, with their increased economy, and lower initial price, in major numbers.

Editor Ramon Martin, Kermit, Winkler County News — Texas — Recently one of the news wire services carried an interview with a citizen of one of those countries in which the free ballot is denied the people. In the article was this statement: "I am amazed that the people of the United States don't realize what a wonderful privilege is theirs in the ballot box. If I had that privilege in my country I would be so happy I would stand in line all day, if necessary, in order to cast my ballot. I simply can't understand how people who have the opportunity can afford not to vote." Too bad we in America don't value our ballot privileges as highly.

Selfish people never made a nation great, regardless of the fortune they manage to acquire.

The Qualifications

In the opinion of this newspaper, it would be interesting for potential voters in this year's important election for a new President of the United States, to set down what they feel are qualifications for the office.

No one opinion would be final, for it is the record that some of those who turned out to be very outstanding Presidents might not have fared so well in a "qualification test" with those seeking the office at the same election. So, there is no set rule of thumb.

But, we do feel that as of now our voters should set up their own "qualification test" and measure the candidates by it.

The office of President has rapidly increased in the tremendous volume of hard work required of the person holding the office.

Perhaps foremost of all, the office demands the respect and patriotic loyalty of Americans of all political parties. In this situation, the office of President of the United States is somewhat different from that of rulers of some other countries. In England, for example, The Crown is the repository of all the patriotic fervor, but the practical day-by-day business of running the government is left to the prime minister and his cabinet and to the parliament.

However, in this country, our President, must do many jobs. He must be a practical and experienced administrator, and know how to keep the machinery of the largest business in the world running smoothly.

And he must also be a practical politician, knowing how to get along with the Congress and the other branches of government.

Finally, he must be a keen student of government itself, with an honest philosophy of what trends are best for the nation, and be of firm conviction to fight for basic principles. This is perhaps most challenging of all. So great are the pressures of modern life, we are prone to "leave it to the experts" to settle so very many things. The power of the office of President is so great, it must not be intrusted in this day and time to men without a firm conviction as to the destiny of America and of civilization itself.

We can think of no office in all the world more important than that of President of the United States. Before we nominate, and before we elect, let us think, objectively, about the office itself, and then, sincerely vote for the one who comes nearest to what we would hope to be one of our greater Presidents.

Those who get mad while playing a game, should not play a game.

An honest laborer, when paid for his work, gives himself to his work.

Why worry about war, or disease, if you don't worry about automobile accidents?

Intelligence does not always accompany the degrees that some people acquire.

The anxiety of some newspaper writers to present news leads them to publish fiction.

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Bible Material: Matthew 7:15-23; 25:31-46; Luke 13:6-9; Genesis 1:1-12.
Devotional Reading: John 15:1-11.

Good Fruits

Lesson for June 19, 1960

CHRISTIANITY is not an impossible religion. Some people think it is, but they don't understand it. Two very common mistakes are made at this point. One is to think that Christianity is essentially a set of dogmas, a creed too complicated to understand. Now of course, if you are going to talk about God, you are sure to strike mysteries sooner or later, in the nature of the case. God cannot be put into words. But Christianity is not words, though it has never thrived without them. Christ did not choose his first followers for their theological skills. The other mistake is to think that Christianity consists of the perfect performance of very difficult deeds. And since all of us who are honest must confess that our deeds are not terribly difficult and we do not do them with spectacular success (to say the least of it)—and so we are inclined to give up Christianity because it's "not possible."

Dr. Foreman

What you can't see

The truth is, Christianity is neither ideas you can't grasp nor deeds you can't do. Nevertheless, Christianity is concerned both with ideas and with acts. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus concentrates on acts: actions and habits, but also motives, for motives are part of every action. He speaks of them plainly, and also poetically. His figure of speech is "fruits." He mentions false prophets, and offers a simple way of telling a false prophet from a true one. "By their fruits you shall know them," he says. We must bear in mind that Jesus did not say, "By their fruits God knows them." God's wisdom sees into the hearts of all women and men, sifting the bad from the good. We ourselves can never fully explore one another's hearts. Indeed, who of us can fully explore his own heart? Who knows the full truth about his own motives, desires, disposition? When grain first comes out of the ground, a tiny green shoot, only an expert can tell whether this is wheat (say) or rye. It all looks alike to the city man dashing through the country. But when harvest time comes only a very unobservant city visitor could mistake wheat for rye.

What you can see

It is we human beings who need to see the fruits before we can tell about the plant, be it grain or trees. Kindly observe how practical Jesus is. He talks of "good fruit," not "perfect fruit." Some odd thinkers have thought that Christ, in the Sermon on the Mount, was doing his best to discourage us, to show that the Christian life is impossible. On the contrary, doesn't it sound as if Jesus were trying to encourage us? He assumes that people admire good fruit, and that there can be good fruit in their lives. Let us put that into non-poetic language. Jesus teaches here that all men understand what good actions are, that all men prefer—in others at least—good actions; and that we can tell whether a man is good by watching what he does. To make all this perfectly plain, Jesus draws a sort of picture of the Last Judgment. Some persons who have been quite "orthodox,"—that is, they always gave him the high title of Lord — will miss eternal life, because their lives show no fruits that can be called good. Right opinions never make up for wrong actions.

Not for credit

Jesus had little use, on the other hand, for people who were all wrapped up, so to speak, in their own good deeds; people who called attention to themselves and considered themselves better than others; people who want to be sure God notices their good actions so that they will receive proper credit. In Matthew 25 Jesus draws a picture of the Last Judgment which shows the kind of good deed which God finally rewards. The people who will stand at Christ's right hand are those who have done good as well as been good; but what kind of good? Unconscious acts, that is, acts which come out of a person's real character rather than being undertaken as a demonstration of one's own righteousness. Unselfish acts too; doing yourself a good turn (and how slick we are at it!) is not Christ's idea of good fruit.

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Most of the good things that come to individuals in life have to be paid for in some manner.

WASHINGTON NEWS

"Must" Bills

A modest list of "must" legislation remains to be acted on before Congress can take off for the political conventions.

The Democrats meet in Los Angeles, beginning July 11, and Congressional leaders are determined to adjourn before that date. Indications are that they should be able to meet the deadline with no more than the usual late pressure of business.

New Push For B-70

The Air Force has resumed its efforts to win approval of a major production program for the supersonic, high-altitude B-70 bomber, which is now in the design stage. When the budget was prepared, for the fiscal year 1961, beginning next July 1, the B-70 program was virtually eliminated.

Goldwater's Choice

Senator Barry M. Goldwater, of Arizona has said that if he were not chosen as the Republican Vice Presidential nominee he would like to see the nomination go to Thurston B. Morton, the chairman of the National Committee.

Senator Goldwater said that he would accept the nomination if it were offered, but that he did not think it would be.

Nixon's Campaign Staff

In a hotel suite almost as hard to find as Vice President Nixon when he wants to hide out, his campaign staff has bloomed into a highly personal organization for the 1960 Presidential campaign.

The staff will shortly number seven and probably expand to nine or ten. It is highly personal in that almost all of its members are close friends who have gone through the fires of other campaigns. The search is on now for suitable headquarters in a Washington business building.

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SURPLUS MILK IN 1980?

The "population explosion" won't solve the surplus milk problem for the dairy industry for at least another 20 years, in the belief of W. ... Griffith, dairy specialist at VPI.

If current trends continue, fewer cows will be needed in 1980 than the nation has today, Griffith says. While more than 1,000,000 farms depend on dairy cows for their incomes now, it is estimated that only 364,000 dairy herds of ... 50-cow size will be needed in 1980.

Production per cow has been increasing rapidly, and this increase is likely to continue. While the average United States dairy cow produced only 6,438 pounds of milk per year in 1959, her granddaughters will probably produce at least ...,000 pounds of milk in 1980. This will add up to an increase of 58 billion pounds of milk over the 1959 production.

Because of increased productivity per cow, the nation will need only 18.2 million dairy cows in 1980, 1.1 million less than the 19.3 million cows on farms today.

This means, Griffith says, that many thousands of the farms and dairymen producing milk today can be engaged in some other occupation in another two decades.

These estimates give little hope that the expanding population will use the surplus produced by the dairy industry.

Good Deal!

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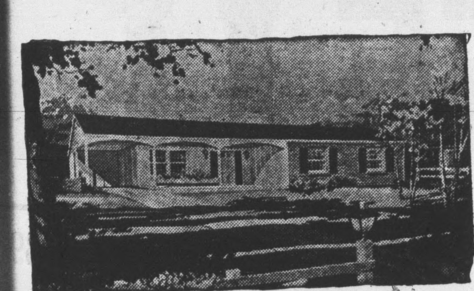

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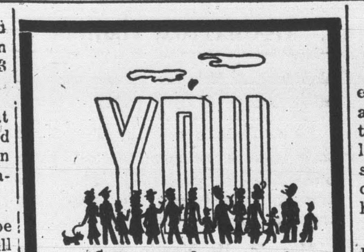

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Under the present law, benefits to a retired person range from $33. to a scheduled $127. per month. The most a person can expect to receive who reaches retirement age this year is $120. a month. This benefit would be based on maximum earnings each year which would be at least three years earnings of $4,200. and two years of $4,800. The $127 maxixum retirement benefi is based on all years of $4,800. earnings and will not be payable until 1997.

For most people the benefit amount is figured using years after 1950 and up to the year in which they reach retirement age or file their application for benefits. The law permits us to eliminate five of these years of lowest earnings.

Your benefit amount is then figured on your average monthly wage for the remaining years.

Since we are only able to eliminate the five years, there will still remain some years which must be included in figuring your benefit that are less than 4,800.

Though you may have earned over $4,800 in prior years, credit could only be given for a certain amount of your earnings. From 1951 through 1954, only the first $3,600. of your earnings was creditable. In 1955 the first $4,200. in earnings was taxable. This remained at the same level until the end of 1958. Beginning with January 1, 1959, you received credit for $4,800 earnings.

Until such time that all years prior to 1959 can be eliminated in figuring your benefit, the $127. benefit will not be payable.

For further inforamtion as to how much you can expect to receive as a monthly benefit, write to the Social Security Office, 112 Langhorne Rd., Lynchburg, or see me. I am in the Courthouse in Appomattox on the fourth Monday of each month at 10:00 A. M.

— By Donald H. Renner.

Apologetic Thief

Moore, Okla.- "I'm sorry to do this, but I can't find a job, and I have to feed my kids," said a note left in a local grocery store.

The owner reported that 12 gallons of ice cream, 16 pounds of frozen vegetables, 42 pints of frozen food, and bacon, coffee, cornflakes, and a can of dog food had been stolen from the store.

There was no explanation for the 48 cans of motor oil and 13 boxes of razor blades that also were carried away.

His Concern

A democracy is a place where the man in the street is more concerned with a five-dollar deficit in the family budget than five billion in the national budget. -Christian Science Monitor.

About The Home

Most medicines for use in illnesses are currently being prepared in a special form for children. Most of these are pleasant to take. A problem may arise when parents unconsciously act as though the taking of medicine were an ordeal which has to be endured by the child.

The pleasant-tasting medicines must be locked away well out of reach of the child, who has likely decided after the second dose that it is a form of candy. A child is much more apt to raid the medicine chest today than ten years ago.

However, the results can be just as dreadful.

The fact that the family medicine chest is out of reach of the children is not enough. There should be a lock on all the children's medicine in a home. A small, inexpensive cash box and lock from the dime store will do nicely. Store it well out of sight and reach of the children.

Not quite all medicines can be made completely palatable. The taste may be disguised and the potency of the medicine unaffected by mixing a small amount of jelly or jam with the bad - tasting medicine.

Another good trick is to allow the child so suck on a piece of ice for a few minutes before taking an unpleasant medicine. This may numb the tongue so that it is less noticeable.

It is best not to use fruit juice that is important in the diet to help hide he flavor of medicines. It is possible to turn a child against a necessary food this way.

Always tell a child that he is taking medicine. Talk to him about it, explaining that it is neecssary to make him feel good again.

Health and Beauty

Health and Beauty . . . . — —

It is well to bear in mind that dangerous germs are always present in the normal skin, especially in the fold around the hair follicles, and in the oil glands about the nose and back. As a rule they cause no harm, but are capable of causing serious infections if a person's skin becomes broken or abraded, or the vitality is lowered for any reason.

When the skin is kept in healthy condition, face powder is a great aid to beauty. It reomves the shiny appearance. It also partially conceals minor defects, such as discolorations, and so forth.

The powder does not clog the pores and cause blackheads if removed at night by cream or by washing the face. In fact, it really acts as a protection or covering against biting winds and direct rays of the sun. The foundation lotion or cream preverts the powder from coming off and gives the skin a softer and more velvety sheen.

During the day, if you wish to freshen your appearance, lie down for a short period, if you have time, close the eyes and relax every muscle in your body. Fall asleep if you can. On awakening, take a short, hot bath, finishing with a dash of cold water. Rub with a crash towel until the whole body is glowing from the friction. Put some fresh lotion on your face and remove the excess with a soft towel.

Breathe in all the air that your lungs will hold. Attempt to expel it with resistance. The cheeks will puff out, the lungs and throat become tense, and the blood will race through the body, causing the cheeks to flush with the glow of health.

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